

State Water Resources Control Board

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STATE WATER BOARD OFFERS FUNDING FOR BROWNFIELD SITES

\$20 Million Available to Clean Up Contaminated Sites

SACRAMENTO—The State Water Resources Control Board has \$20 million in funding available to develop and revitalize Brownfield sites that have been contaminated by leaking petroleum underground fuel tanks.

The funding is available from the Orphan Site Cleanup Account (OSCA) which was established by Assembly Bill 1906 (Lowenthal, Chapter 774, Statutes of 2004) to provide financial assistance to clean Brownfield sites contaminated by leaking petroleum underground storage tanks where there is no financially responsible party.

Applications may be submitted on an on going basis. Eligible projects will be placed on a **revised** OSCA Priority List.

In the first round of funding, the OSCA Program received 30 project applications and 16 project applications were eligible and placed on the first OSCA Priority List in San Joaquin, San Diego, Santa Clara, San Mateo, Fresno, San Francisco, Kern, Orange, Los Angeles, Alameda, Riverside, and Sonoma Counties. The OSCA Program funded 20 grants totaling more than \$7 million for fiscal year 2005/2006. The funding will help redevelop these under used properties. Projects include single-family homes and low income housing to retail centers and parks.

Interested parties are encouraged to visit the Program's Web site at:

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/cwphome/ustcf/osca.html>.

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